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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims

A Listing of Claims is provided as follows and will replace any previous listing. No new matter has been added.

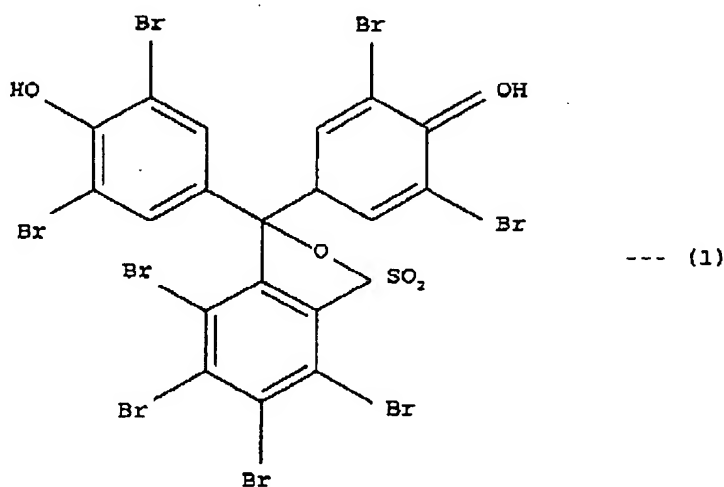
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A test piece for protein assay, said test piece used for quantifying or semi-quantifying a protein and containing a single acidic indicator,

wherein said test piece contains a cationic surfactant as a sensitizer for increasing coloration sensitivity of the acidic indicator with respect to the protein;

wherein the cationic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of benzyltrimethylammonium bromide, hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide, lauryltrimethylammonium bromide, and zephiramine; and

wherein the acidic indicator is tetrabromophenol blue expressed by the following Chemical Formula (1)[[.]]



2-19. (Canceled)

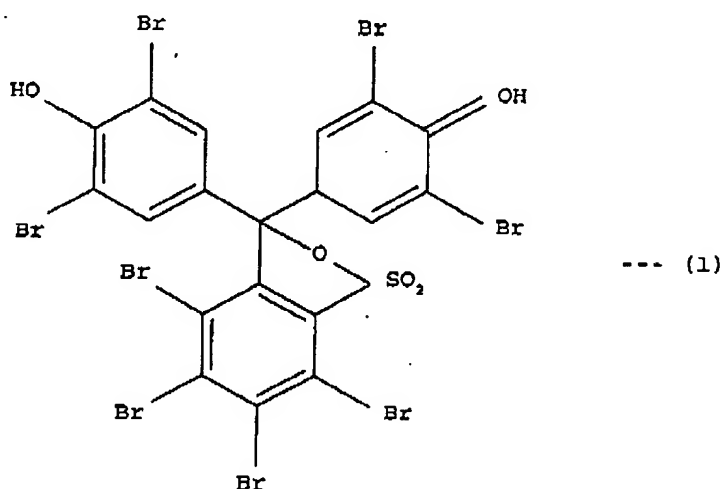
20. (Currently Amended) A test piece for protein assay, said test piece used for quantifying or semi-quantifying a protein and containing a single acidic indicator,

wherein said test piece contains a combination of a cationic surfactant and a nonionic surfactant as a sensitizer for increasing coloration sensitivity of the acidic indicator with respect to the protein;

wherein the cationic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of benzyltrimethylammonium bromide, hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide, lauryltrimethylammonium bromide, and zephiramine;

wherein the nonionic surfactant is polyethylene glycol; and

wherein the acidic indicator is tetrabromophenol blue expressed by the following Chemical Formula (1)[[.]]



21. (Previously Presented) The test piece for protein assay according to Claim 20, wherein the cationic surfactant is benzyltrimethylammonium bromide.

22. (Previously Presented) The test piece for protein assay according to Claim 20, wherein the cationic surfactant is zephiramine.